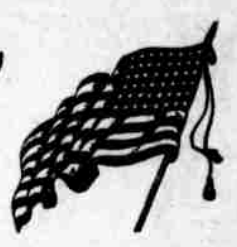




MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

AND OUR MINERAL WEALTH



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MOHAVE COUNTY ADDS MILLION TO VALUE PROPERTY

That Mohave county is growing is evidenced every year by its tax roll. Last year the taxable property of Mohave county was \$22,074,655.38, while the roll as abstracted by the clerk of the board of supervisors, J. S. Withers, shows taxable values of \$23,249,326.19, a gain of \$1,174,670.81 during the year. There has been a slight decrease in the taxation of mines, but there have been other increases that more than made up. Assessor W. O. Ruggles has made an equitable assessment of all forms of property in the county and it is not thought the roll as finally passed upon by the board of equalization will be materially changed. It may be raised some, but we doubt if there will be any decreases. All exemptions have been excluded by the board in the makeup of the roll.

Mohave county has shown a steady growth since statehood. At that time the total valuation of all property within the county was not to exceed \$1,500,000. In the seven years of statehood the increase has been wonderful. While the valuations have not been excessive the reduction in taxation has been great. No other county in the state can show a valuation per capita compared to that of Mohave. With the building of the big dams in the Colorado river, the Bill Williams Fork and Virgin river projects the county will experience a growth almost over night that will put every county in the shade. It will give us more than 300,000 acres of the richest land on earth, hydro-electric power undreamed of and the possibility of developing low grade mines that will make of the county the greatest mining center of the southwest. We are ideally situated, being not only on the line of a great trans-continental railroad, but also on a trans-continental highway, the only one now in use. It is traversed by the one great river of the state, whose potentialities for the development of electric power are so great that even government officials, who are slow to act, are using every influence in their power to harness and put to immediate use its enormous power.

Hundreds of thousands of acres of lands are being bought and leased by the cattle interests of the county and these lands will next year be paying taxes to the county and state and helping in the general upbuilding.

Prosperity has made of Mohave county people a bunch of optimists, and everyone who has made money out of the mines and other interests are willing to invest and further the upbuilding of the county. Every new mining corporation receives not only encouragement from these people in the way of boosting, but also in the more substantial way of money investment. Any proposition of merit is sure to get wide support, and in this way the mines and other projects that make for the betterment and upbuilding of the county is backed by the people. As a result the mines of the county have been developed in their first stages by the money of Mohave county people, and considerable fortunes have been picked up that have gone into further exploitation.

At the present time sheep, goat, cattle, farming and other interests, as well as mining, shows remarkable prosperity, although the mines and the railroads are the two largest interests that show on the taxroll.

NEW FRONT FOR THE ARIZONA STORES CO.

The Arizona Stores Company is putting a new front on their store. A new top and porch will be put on with a stucco finish as well as a new awning. The entire front of the store will be repainted and later Manager Keefe plans to paint the inside of the store.

This will add greatly to the appearance of 4th St.

OFFICERS ATTEND TAX COMMISSION

Supervisors George B. Ayers and A. M. MacDuffee, Assessor W. O. Ruggles and Sam Withers, Clerk of the Board, will leave tomorrow for the Grand Canyon to attend the annual meeting of the Tax Commission. The commission will be in session there about a week.

KITTEN PLAYS WITH TARANTULA

A pet kitten in one of Kingman's homes nearly drove its mistress into hysterics and incidentally gained a little kitten wisdom this week when it playfully tackled a full grown tarantula. The kitten brought the huge spider into the house and laid it at his ladies feet. Fortunately the spider had about given up the ghost and the lady suffered no injuries beyond a bad scare.

Tabby was bitten about the mouth and on the fore paws but beyond rubbing its whiskers in an irritated manner for a while seemed to suffer no ill effects.

KINGMAN-OATMAN BASEBALL GAME HERE TOMORROW

Kingman will cross bats with Oatman tomorrow on the Kingman grounds. This makes the fifth game with Oatman this year, Oatman having won three of the four previous games and Kingman one, the last game, which ended with a score of 18 to 12.

The contest will be a hot one as is generally the case when these two teams play. Oatman has put up the best games that Kingman had had on the home grounds so far.

The batteries for Oatman are not known but it is said that Knorr may pitch. Smith will pitch for Kingman and Angell will catch.

Ball games are exceedingly welcome to the people of Kingman as they help to liven up a sometimes dull afternoon.

It is thought that the Kingman Oatman game will make larger gate receipts than for some time.

TWO BOOTLEGGERS RECEIVE SENTENCE

Pankhurst and Mathews, both charged with bootlegging, appeared before Judge Bollinger Monday morning of this week. They were each given a fine of \$150 and three months in jail, with any part of the fine upon which payment is defaulted, to be worked out at the rate of \$2 per day.

The automobiles were not disposed of the Court, as a ruling on them will be made later.

MOHAVE COUNTY'S YOUNGEST SOLDIER

Mohave County's youngest soldier, Lark Jenkins, returned Sunday from overseas.

Jenkins, a son of Tom Jenkins, of Oatman, had not yet seen his 17th birthday when he enlisted. He will be 18 in August.

He was in the Signal Corps and though he did not get into the big engagements, saw considerable fighting. He landed in Mohave County before his family knew it and sprung a surprise on them.

THOMAS McCaULEY VISITING HERE

Thomas McCauley, secretary of the Hopi Oil Company, of Holbrook, passed through Kingman Sunday evening last to his home in Florida. He proposes to take his family to Holbrook as soon as arrangements can be made for their removal.

Mr. McCauley reports that the Hopi well is now down over 1200 feet and going great. The arrangements with the Wind River company assures to the stockholders of the Hopi the completion of the first well and the drilling of many others, in the event that oil is struck.

JUDGE BOLLINGER LEAVES FOR COAST

Judge Bollinger left yesterday for the coast where he will spend Sunday with Mrs. Bollinger and then go to Nogales over the Southern Pacific where he is called to try some cases next week.

He will return to Kingman and take care of accumulated matters before the Superior Court.

GUY DUNNING LOSES LIFE IN 60 FT. FALL

Guy E. Dunning of Kingman, Arizona met with a fatal accident Sunday July 13th, 1919, at Crown Point, N. M.

Guy and his father, B. N. Dunning have been for several months working as brick layers on Gov't buildings at the Pueblo Bonita Indian School at Crownpoint, N. M. During that time they have made many warm friends, both among their fellow workmen and the school employees, so they were usually found in most of the social gatherings.

An unusual bond of companionship existed between this father and son, they were inseparable, just good pals.

Sunday, July 13, they went with a party of perhaps a dozen people on a short pleasure trip up on the mesa back of the school. The father rather opposed their going for as he expressed himself, he felt that something was going to happen, but Guy said "Oh come on father, let's go and have a good time."

The party had climbed the mesa and some of the men, Guy included, were throwing rocks down into the valley. Guy in his efforts to roll a large rock over the edge lost his balance and fell a distance of some 60 ft. striking head first upon the rocks at the bottom of the cliff. Some of the party got to him as quickly as they could on account of the steepness of the side of the mesa at that place; his father who had witnessed, horror stricken, the accident, being among the first to reach him. Medical aid from the agency was called immediately, but to no purpose. He had been instantly killed, his body being badly mangled. His face was a mass of cuts and bruises, the skull was fractured just above the left eye, a gash three or more inches long across the right side of the head, the right arm was fractured and a gash extended entirely across the left palm, the left leg was badly crushed. His body was moved to the hospital and the Agency physician prepared it for burial.

The mother, at Kingman, was telegraphed for immediately, but on account of R. R. washouts and wrecks was unable to reach here until Tuesday.

The ladies of the school prepared the floral tribute which was very beautiful although composed almost entirely of native wild flowers and hollyhocks.

Funeral services took place at 3 p. m. on Tuesday, Rev. Bolt officiating. The deceased being an honorably discharged soldier Taps was sounded after the body was lowered into the grave.

Guy E. Dunning, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Dunning of Kingman, Ariz. was born February 3rd, 1891 at Lebanon, Kan. Died July 13th, 1919.

HOW'S THIS?

California is utterly lacking in deserts. A person crossing Arizona is liable to suffer from the heat but "nary a bit" in California. The following is an article clipped from a Los Angeles paper:

"An automobile arrived in Los Angeles today with the entire top burned away as a result of the sun's rays magnified by the back top glass while crossing the desert of Arizona. Only the prompt action of the owners prevented the fire from consuming the entire body. But saving the lower part, the owners were able to reach the city.

The car drew a large crowd when it drew up in front of the Title Insurance building at Fifth and Spring, after a journey of several thousand miles. The car comes from Texas.

PRESENT RING

At their regular meeting last Tuesday night Western Lodge No. 12 Knights of Pythias presented Bert Coffey with an emblem ring in token of his service overseas.

On the inside of the ring was inscribed "To Corp B. J. Coffey for service overseas."

BRINGS HOME BRIDE

Nestor O. Banagas arrived in Mohave County last night from overseas bringing with him a bride.

Banagas says that he wrote home that he was married but that no one believed him so now he brings the proof.

Banagas must have learned to talk French at a pretty good rate.

ARRIVES HOME

Frank Noli, brother of Frank Noli, arrived home from overseas last Wednesday night.

Noli saw 14 months' service overseas.

NEWS FROM B.P.O.E AT ATLANTIC CITY

A letter was received by the Miner this week from I. M. George, delegate to the Elk's Convention at Atlantic City. Mr. George expects to be home in about three weeks returning by way of New York.

Below will be found some extracts from the Atlantic City papers concerning the convention.

Elks Officers

Counselor Frank L. Rain, of Fairbury, Neb., where he is district attorney, was elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, succeeding Bruce A. Campbell, of East St. Louis. He defeated Albert T. Brophy, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The vote stood 1,052 to 451. The poll of 1,500 votes each cast by a Past Exalted Ruler of a local lodge was one of the largest recorded in any convention of the organization.

Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, George J. F. Falkenstein, McKeesport, Pa.; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, C. Walter Brookwalter, Indianapolis; C. Bradley, Portland, Oregon; Grand Secretary Fred B. Robinson, Dubuque, Iowa; Grand Treasurer Pat Brennan, Dallas, Texas; Inner Guard W. B. Morrison, Greensburg, N. C. Tiler Frank Hurley Birmingham, Ala., William E. Drisland, of Albany, were elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. As a personal appointment Grand Exalted Ruler-elect Rain named John G. Price, Attorney General of Ohio, a member of the Grand Forum, the highest judicial body of the order.

A cablegram read before the balloting began from General John J. Pershing was greeted with continued applause as the signature was announced. The commander-in-chief of the Expeditionary Forces, which he led to victory, addressed the message to Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell and read: "Thanks for your invitation, but shall be unable to attend the convention this year. Please extend to assembled Elks my cordial greetings and best wishes."

General Pershing is an active member of El Paso, Texas Lodge, and has continued his interest in the order throughout the years he has been enrolled.

Tribute

Tribute was paid yesterday by the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to the memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice while serving with the colors, and to those members who had passed away during the year. Immediately after the conclusion of the solemn services, in which it was stated that sixty thousand members had worn the national uniform, the convention acted on the recommendations made by Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, of East St. Louis, in his annual message.

As Americanism has been the keynote of the fifty-fifth session since its inception, the declarations were vigorous in support of the Grand Exalted Ruler's urgent demand for an expression against the revolutionary doctrines advocated by radicals in and out of the organization. In order to silence any member who entertained the theories which advocated any attempt upon the national institutions, the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote: "That the Grand Lodge condemns Bolshevism and revolutionary movements, and that every Elk has taken a solemn obligation to support the constitution and laws of the United States, and we have been taught as one of the fundamental principles of the Order that the American flag, typical as it is of our form of Government, shall be first in our hearts as loyal Elks. That no man can be a Bolshevik or advocate of other revolutionary doctrines, contrary to the present form of Government, and remain an Elk."

Support Dry Law

Grand Exalted Leader Bruce Campbell, of the Elks, has made an earnest plea for the 550,000 Elks throughout the country to assist in seeing that the war-time prohibition act is not violated while the law remains on the statute books, in his annual report, which was presented yesterday.

"I strongly recommend to the representatives of the subordinate lodges present at this session that they return to their local lodges and impress upon them that the order of Elks cannot tolerate either by violation or evasion any attempt to avoid the law as it exists upon the statute books."

"My attention has been called to at least one lodge which has passed resolutions on the prohibition question and which took part in a parade and mass meeting. In my opinion such

WORLD CHAMPION STOPS AT KINGMAN

Kingman fight fans missed something the other morning. A "hero unsung" in the person of Jack Dempsey wandered up and down the platform Wednesday morning whistling "How I knocked out Jess Willard", without an audience later heing himself to Los Angeles.

TO IMPROVE OLD TRAILS HIGHWAY

Capt. J. B. Wright, county engineer of Coconino county, has been in Phoenix several days this week looking after road matters. He has secured the attention of the state engineer's office on the subject of using all the county's portion of the state road fund for the rebuilding and improvement of the east and west road across the county, known as the National Old Trails Road. This road will have nearly \$100,000 spent on it during the balance of the summer and fall.

Capt. Wright also has secured the assistance of the government in the matter of paving the road approaches to the town of Flagstaff, which contemplates the expenditure of about \$60,000.

If something could be done to force Yavapai county to build its east and west road from Ash Fork to the Mohave county line the National Old Trails would have one of the best roadways in the country. Yavapai has been playing dog-in-the-manger with the four other northern counties by holding up the building of this roadway, although its officials have given their promises that the work would be done. But their promises, like the Hun, is only a thing to get past with.

BURNS ARM

W. H. Spau had his arm badly burned at the McCracken mine this week. One of the men was pouring some gasoline when it caught on fire Spau from his wrist to his elbow.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday July 20th.
This Sunday no Mass will be said but on Sunday July 27th.

FATHER HOOTSMAN.

of the order and subjects it to suspension of its charter. I did not take this drastic action in the case of the lodge involved, but I have directed that it pass a resolution rescinding its former action, declaring that the order of Elks does not have any opinion upon this question at all, that it leaves each of its individual members free to have its own opinion thereon, without any intention to dictate to any of them; but the lodges themselves do not pass upon nor express any opinion one way or the other upon this question."

Evangeline Booth Speaks

Declaring that the Salvation Army was ready for the emergency when it arose and because of this fact had been able to do the large amount of good which they had done during the war, Commander Evangeline Booth, of the Salvation Army yesterday thanked the Grand Lodge of Elks for their contribution of \$60,000 which was handed to her with the words, "use as you deem best."

"One secret of the success of the Salvation Army abroad lay in the fact that we were ready for any emergency," said Miss Booth. "There was little difference between the mud of Flanders and the slime of the gutters in which we had worked for many years before the war. Our people had ministered to the sick and dying on bedsides of pain, had been present when poor tortured souls passed on in this and many other countries. Then when the war demanded our services we were ready."

"The transition from peace to war was easy. I know we did not have a great many people in France. That was because I deliberately chose to keep down the size of our forces rather than send untrained officers abroad."

"A war calls for skilled men and women. It is no place for the blunderer and the inept. Good intentions count for little if they are negated by clumsy execution. We sent no one abroad who had not been trained in our schools."

"Another secret of our success was that we had the right calibre of men and women with which to perform our task. They were inured to hardships, and they needed to pass no time in being apprenticed to misfortune."

"We have a practical religion. The

WITH A "NICE MAN"

The fame of Mohave County's masculine sex seems to have spread abroad for here this week we have received two applications from ladies who wish to write to some "nice man"

A young lady from Grass Valley wishes the Miner to tell the world this "correspondence desired with eligible man, by unencumbered young lady. P. O. Box 724 Grass Valley."

Another says "Who will correspond with a good woman—object a home Mrs. R. S. Krafts, Sawtelle, Cal."

Two in one week and these two the first in years. Mohave County seems to be attracting the public eye.

POCOCK TAKES OVER WILLARD STATION

The Willard Service Station and Electric Shop at the Old Trails Garage has been taken over by Jean Pocock, Electrician, and will be known in future as Kingman Auto Electric Shop. Mr. Pocock has been in the auto electrical business for the past 10 years and will endeavor to give the public expert service at all times.

The Kingman Auto Shop is equipped to do all kinds of Battery, Magnets, Generator, Self-starter and Motor overhauling and solicits your patronage.

CONTINUANCE OF ELECTRIC STORMS

Electric storms have continued to be the main attraction this week with a little rain. The rainfall for the week was .49 inches.

The Desert Power and Water Company had more trouble this week than last. No damage of any great importance was done but little difficulties here and there kept the trouble man busy.

The Arizona California Nevada Telephone Company had lots of trouble this week also. Telephone poles were split by the lightning in some instances but service was maintained in most cases in spite of this.

Train service has been delayed so much but fortunately there has been no bad washouts in the county so far.

Wednesday night it was thought that some of the track below Kingman was washed out and the trains were backed up but only for a short time as it was found the trouble amounted merely to a soft track.

BOXING CONTESTANTS IN FINE FETTER FOR BOUNDS THIS EVENING

The stage is all set for the boxing contest this evening, the ring in the old Pawlon Building has been erected and the mat laid. Contestants in the three camps, Kingman, Oatman and Needles knocked off work last night and everything is in readiness for the tap of the gong.

Walter Cook of Needles who will try conclusions with our Andy Gardner in a ten round session writes from Needles: "I have been in constant training for the past ten days and expect to be in the best of condition." Cook says that almost the entire Santa Fe force at the round house will be at the ring side.

Gardner has been in training for the past week and expects to be at his best.

Frank Schuck will bring a good following of fans from Oatman who expect their boy to win over Godwin.

TAKE OVER HIGHWAY GARAGE MACHINE SHOP

Sumner Beecher, proprietor of the Highway Garage has leased the machine shop of that institution to the Douglas Brothers.

Eslar Douglas is well known here, having worked in the garages around Kingman for several years. Ray Douglas, the other brother, has just returned from the aviation service, having served as a mechanic. Both are capable mechanics.

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